Quantity : in MTs.

Value : In Rs. Crores

Year	Export		Import	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
1993-94	297907	263.49	4868	6.98
1994-95	1209698	256.41	4745	5.35
1995-96	228962	524.52	33249	36.17
1996-97 (April-Sept.,'96)	84033	186.72	232	0.95

(Source : DGCI&S, Calcutta)

Country-wise details of imports and exports are given in the monthly bulletin/annual numbers of Foreign Trade Statistics of India published by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

Under the EXIM Policy, 1992-97, imports of oilseeds were canalised through the State Trading Corporation of India Limited and Hindustan Vegetable Oils Corporation Limited. However, imports of oilseeds in a limited quantity have been made by the 100% EOUs and under the Duty Exemption Scheme mainly with the purpose of export of oilmeals manufactured out of the imported oilseeds.

(d) The export projections for the Ninth Five Year Plan including the year 1997-98 have not been formulated.

[English]

Import of Coffee to Contain Prices in Domestic Market

6689. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR :
SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH :
SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Govenment are aware that the retail, price of coffee seeds/powder has gone up in the country particularly in Karnataka and Tamilnadu;

(b) if so, the reason therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to import coffee to contain prices in the domestic market;

(d) if so, the total quantity proposed to be imported;

(e) whether there is any proposal to bring coffee under Essential Commodities Act, 1955;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) if not, whether the Government propose to procure some quantity of coffee seeds from the planters compulsorily for supply to the Coffee Board;

(h) if so, the details thereof; and

(i) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by the Coffee Board to bring down coffee prices in the domestic market and supply coffee seeds powder through PDS to the general public in the country particularly in above States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Due to the rise in the prices of coffee in the international market, domestic prices of coffee seeds/ powder have also increased throughout the country.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

(g) to (i) With the introduction of 100% Free Sale Quota to the Planters, at present there is no proposal to procure coffee seeds from the growers. Although Coffee Board continues to supply limited quantities of popular blends through its promotional outlets, the Board can not undertake the responsibility to supply coffee through the Public Distribution system.

Trade with Pakistan

6690. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :
SHRI V. PRADEEP DEV :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of exports and imports between India and Pakistan made during 1996-97 upto March, 31, 1997 in comparison to each of the last three years, separately;

(b) whether there has been any decline in the foreign trade;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;